

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application identified in caption, in light of the remarks which follow, is respectfully requested.

In further response to the §112, first paragraph, rejection applied by the Patent Office in the Official Action mailed February 28, 2003, attached hereto is a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 of Nicolangelo Peduto, a joint inventor of the present application.

The Official Action states that the specification does not discuss the term "flexural modulus" recited in claims 12 and 24. In this regard, the Declaration states that the term "modulus" as recited in claim 12 of the originally filed application refers to the flexural modulus. Moreover, the Declaration states that one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that the term "modulus" recited in claim 12 of the originally filed application refers to the flexural modulus, in light of the fact that the originally filed application discusses that the inventive multilayer structure can have a good flexibility property.

In light of the statements made in the attached Declaration, as well as the remarks set forth at page 4 of the Amendment filed May 28, 2003, it is clear that the application as originally filed contains support for the recited term "flexural modulus." Accordingly, withdrawal of the §112, first paragraph, rejection is respectfully requested.

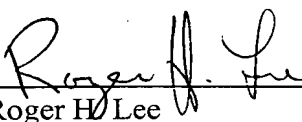
Further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

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If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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